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Note verbale dated 9 November 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), and has the honour to refer to the latter's note of 18 July 2005 concerning the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and subsequent reply of the Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations, to which a response is still awaited.

The Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations would like to update the Chairman on Malta's efforts to implement the above-mentioned resolution. It has the honour to inform the Committee that the House of Representatives (Maltese Parliament) has adopted a number of amendments to the Criminal Code (Act VI of 2005), with the objective of making provisions for offences of acts of terrorism and funding of terrorism and to make ancillary amendments for the prevention of such funding. It should be noted that in these amendments, the list of acts of terrorism includes, inter alia, the manufacture, possession, acquisition, transport, supply or use of weapons, explosives or nuclear, biological or chemical weapons, as well as research into or development of biological and chemical weapons. A copy of Act No. VI of 2005 is also enclosed.*

The Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations would like to underscore that the provisions of said legislation should be included with the information referring to other legislation and regulations submitted by the Government of Malta in its first report dated 22 October 2004, which set out to prevent non-State actors from obtaining weapons of mass destruction and to ensure the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004).

The Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations would also like to seize this occasion to inform that Malta has signed the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, which was opened for signature at the United Nations treaty event on 15 September 2005.

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* The text of Act No. VI of 2005 is on file with the Secretariat and is available for consultation.

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